Facilities in PHCs in H.P.

504. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Primary Health Centres in remote areas/snow bound areas and backward area in Himachal Pradesh are in bad shape due to lack of staff, adequate facilities and medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide proper facilities in these Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c)Yes, Sir. However, addressing any shortcomings in public health care facilities, is the responsibility of respective State Governments. To bridge critical gaps, the Central Government provides financial, technical and commodity assistance for strengthening the delivery of health care services under the National Health Programmes such as:-

> repair/construction of Operation Theatre/Labour Room in Community Health Centres;

> provision of equipments/medicines for treatment of T.B. Leprosy and Family Welfare Programmes etc.;

> contractual appointments/hiring of Anesthetists/Gynaecologists/ Safe Motherhood Consultants/Staff Nurses and other paramedical staff.

> skill based in-service training for capacity building of ANMs and other health functionaries.

Continuous efforts are also made to increase the outreach of health care services through Swasthya Melas and Reproductive and Child Health Camps etc.

Scam in CGHS Medical stores, New Delhi

505. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of -HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major scam of drug and medicines was unearthed during last year at the CGHS Medical Stores, Gole market, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry was ordered into the matter and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the report of the enquiry has been received; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Strike of Chemists

†506. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the strike of CGHS Chemists came to an end on the 16th January, 2003 which was continuing for the last three months; and

(b) the details of the demands made by the Chemists alongwith the benefits became available to the card holders and Government after the strike came to an end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a)The CGHS Chemists Association, New Delhi vide letter dated 9.1.2003 informed the Govt, that they are ready to resume supplies of medicines to the dispensaries under CGHS, Delhi. The matter was considered by the govt, based on which ordered were issued on 16.1.2003 allowing all the Authorized Local Chemists under CGHS, Delhi to supply medicines as per the requirement or the CGHS dispensaries.

(b)The authorized local chemists under CGHS, Delhi had gone on strike due to withholding of 10% amount from their bills on account of Sales Tax and delayed payment of their pending bills by the CGHS. The

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.